<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-11, and 14 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-13, and 15-25 have been withdrawn from consideration. Non-elected claims 12-13, and 15-25 were canceled without prejudice to the prosecution thereof in a subsequently filed application. Claim 1 was amended to pursue preferred embodiments of the invention as encompassed by original claim 4, which was cancelled to avoid duplication. Claim 2 was amended to redraft the claim in independent format. Claim 8 was amended to conform to species election, and the subject matter comprising additional species was canceled without prejudice to the prosecution thereof in a subsequently filed application. Claim 3 was amended to correct a typographical error. Dependent claims 26-32 were added to encompass embodiments of the invention of varying scope. Support for the amendments and new claims is provided throughout the specification including original claims and page 9, lines 10-22. The instant claims are drawn to zlmda24 polynucleotides and related inventions. No new matter was added by these amendments.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6676.

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